

Alphée Marquis collection of memorial cards

MCC-00589

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Collection Overview

Creator

Alphée Marquis

Dates

1955-1994

Extent

95 memorial cards in 25 sleeve protectors.

Provenance

Materials were collected by Alphée Marquis and donated to the Acadian Archives. The cards were originally cataloged in the reference section, but were transferred to archival holdings in 2026.

Language

English
French

Conservation Notes

Cards have been placed in protector sleeves.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: None

Physical: None

Technical: None

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Memorial cards, similar to obituary or prayer cards, are often created by Catholic communities to honor a recently deceased individual. In the Saint John Valley, cards may be printed farther south in Maine and New Hampshire, or north in Quebec. They are distributed to attendees at funerals, wakes, and other gatherings.

Reverend Joseph Alphée Marquis (1909-2003) was born on January 15 in Baker Brook, New Brunswick, Canada, the son of Joseph and Anastasie Nadeau Marquis. As a young man, he worked as a lumberjack with his father in the North Maine woods. He attended Laval University in Quebec and studied theology in Richelieu, P.Q., and Lebreton, Sask. Marquis was ordained on June 29, 1939, in Lebreton by Archbishop Monehan of Regina. He served as Gravelbourg College in Saskatchewan International Falls in Minnesota, and Inwood and Oak Point in Manitoba before his first Maine assignment. In Maine, he served at Holy family in Calais, Fort Fairfield, Greenville, and Rockwood Mission, St. Joseph's in Ellsworth, and St. Mary's in Eagle Lake. Marquis then served as Chaplain in Northern Maine General Hospital, Our Lady of the Lakes in Oquossoc, Pastor in St. John, Sacred Heart in Caribou, Northern Maine Security Home in Eagle Lake, St. Louis in Limestone, St. Joseph's in Wallagrass, St. Gerard's in Grand Isle, St. Luc in Frenchville, St. Mary's in Orono, St. Matthew's in Hampden, St. Francis De Sales in Waterville, Franciscan Convent and Srs. at People's Benevolent Hospital.

He retired as chaplain at NMMC in Fort Kent on November 1, 1994. Marquis passed away on September 23, 2003.

Scope and Content

The collection contains 95 memorial cards, often featuring the person's name, date of birth, date of death, and photograph alongside a prayer, with religious imagery decorating the back, in French and English for different residents of the St. John Valley, who died between 1955 and 1994.

Arrangement

Cards are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable.

Subject Headings

Funeral prayer cards
Memorial cards
Obituaries
Saint John River Valley (Me. and N.B.)

Related Materials

Alice Breton Tourigny song manuscript collection (MCC-00186). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Allen J. Voisine collection of memorial cards (MCC-00588). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Daigle family collection. (MCC-00586). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Dubay, Guy F. *Guy F. Dubay Collection of Obituaries*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2014.

Dubay, Guy F. *Newspaper Obituaries for St. Francis, St. John, Allagash, Maine*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2015.

Ernest J. Gendreau obituary card collection (MCC-00459). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

John R. Nadeau collection, (MCC-00416). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Léon A. Guimond collection of memorial cards (MCC-00590). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Louise A. Levasseur obituaries collection (MCC-00408). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Madawaska Historical Society scrapbook collection of memorial cards (MCC-00586). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Ste Agathe Historical Society digital collection. (MCC-00529). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

St John Valley Parishes Collection (MCC-00523). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent. Series XIV.

Steven Vance collection of memorial cards (MCC-00587). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Sister Mary Celine collection of obituaries and memorial cards (MCC-00273). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

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